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Report Highlights:

Spain's 2000/01 orange and tangerine crops are dramatically reduced in comparison with the previous year's crop. This decrease is currently estimated at about 30 percent. As a result there are possibilities for U.S. citrus exporters to export oranges to Spain this year.

Executive Summary

Official data estimates Spain's 2000/2001 orange crop at 2.67 million metric tons, higher than the previous estimate but about six percent lower than last season's output. According to the latest official estimates, 2000/2001 tangerine production is expected to be 1.8 million metric tons, also higher than earlier estimates but about 14 percent below last year's crop. The latest official estimates peg the 2000/2001 Spanish lemon crop at 912,500 metric tons, about two percent higher than last year. The 2000/2001 total citrus crop is estimated at 5.4 million tons, about six percent lower than the previous year's crop.

Total production of the main citrus crops for marketing year 2000/2001, by region, is as follows:

0

0

0

14,000

1.300

2,000

12,000

912,500

Spanish Citrus Production - 2000/2001 Metric Tons Region Sweet Oranges Tangerines Oranges Bitter Oranges Lemons Orange Fruits TOTAL Valencia 1,685,600 1,550,300 0 331,800 3,324 3,571,024									
Region		Tangerines		Lemons	Grapefruits	TOTAL			
Valencia	1,685,600	1,550,300	0	331,800	3,324	3,571,024			
Murcia	145,300	45,800	0	408,000	13,400	612,500			
Andalucia	736,100	106,500	14,000	157,400	8,284	1,022,284			

74,700

2,000

500

1,779,800

56,100

20,000

24,800

2,667,900

Catalonia

Balearic Is.

Others

TOTAL

17

0

100

25,125

132,117

24,000

37,400

5,399,325

Reportedly citrus producers have indicated that the orange crop has been lower than expected. In some areas, like Andalucia, the crop was 50 percent below average. In addition, some oranges do not comply with quality standards and have been sent to the industry for processing. The skin had been affected by the wind. The end of the crop is earlier than usual, due to an early blooming. Post estimates that the total citrus crop will be at least around 30 percent below the previous year's crop. P,S&D data has been updated to show the dramatic decrease of production. Post estimates the orange crop at 1.8 million metric tons, tangerines at 1.56 million metric tons. Orange juice production is also expected to decrease, due to the shorter crop. On the other hand, lemon crop was good.

Most of the oranges, specially late varieties, have been sold at higher prices than during the previous campaign. The Navel-Late is currently being sold at 825-935 pesetas/arroba (500 Pts/arroba a year ago), and Valencia-Late at 750-800 pesetas/arroba (300-350 Pts/arroba a year ago), and in some cases up to 900 Pts./arroba. Among tangerines, the Fortuna variety was sold at 1,300 pesetas/arroba (385-495 pesetas/arroba a year earlier). Primofiori lemons are sold at 25/30 pesetas/Kg, same as a year ago.

The 2001/02 orange crop is expected to be high, blooming of orange trees in the Valencia region started earlier than average and the amount of flowers is very high. Nevertheless, if most of the flowers develop into fruit, there will be a large crop of small size fruits. But it is too early to do any estimate as it depends on the weather until the fruits develop.

Spain's orange exports during marketing year 1999/2000 were 1.48 million metric tons; tangerine exports were 1.4 millon tons, and lemon exports were 483,956 tons. During the previous year, citrus exports were 1.29 million tons of oranges, 1.15 million tons of tangerines and 451,426 tons of lemons.

Trade sources indicated that there is a shortage of fresh oranges to supply the domestic market. This could represent a possibility for U.S. fresh citrus and concentrated orange juice exporters.

During the 2000/2001 campaign Spain exported 79,558 tons of clementines to the United States, a slight decrease in comparison with exports of 81,614 tons during the previous campaign.

Note: 1 Euro = 166.386 pesetas; \$0.87 \$1 = 189 pesetas

 $1 \operatorname{arroba} = 11 \operatorname{kilos}$

P,S&D Fresh Oranges

PSD Table						
Country	Spain					
Commodity	Fresh Oranges				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		11/1998		11/1999		11/2000
Area Planted	136000	136000	136000	136000	137000	137000
Area Harvested	121100	121100	122000	122000	125000	125000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	2442	2442	2828	2828	2545	1850
Imports	112	112	110	77	115	150
TOTAL SUPPLY	2554	2554	2938	2905	2660	2000
Exports	1286	1286	1600	1484	1300	1000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	570	570	638	641	640	650
Processing	698	698	700	780	720	350
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2554	2554	2938	2905	2660	2000

P,S&D Fresh Tangerines

PSD Table						
Country	Spain					
Commodity	Fresh Tangerines				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		11/1998		11/1999		11/2000
Area Planted	102000	102000	102500	102500	103500	103500
Area Harvested	87000	87000	87500	87500	88000	88000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	1760	1760	2070	2070	1550	1560
Imports	5	5	2	2	10	10
TOTAL SUPPLY	1765	1765	2072	2072	1560	1570
Exports	1146	1146	1400	1400	1100	1000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	360	400	392	410	350	400
Processing	259	219	280	262	110	170
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1765	1765	2072	2072	1560	1570

P,S&D Fresh Lemons

PSD Table						
Country	Spain					
Commodity	Fresh Lemons				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		11/1998		11/1999		11/2000
Area Planted	43900	43900	43900	43900	43500	43500
Area Harvested	42500	42500	43000	43000	42500	42500
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL No. Of Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	878	878	892	892	803	912
Imports	33	33	25	27	30	30
TOTAL SUPPLY	911	911	917	919	833	942
Exports	451	451	480	484	410	480
Fresh Dom. Consumption	230	230	230	230	223	232
Processing	230	230	207	205	200	230
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	911	911	917	919	833	942

P,S&D Orange Juice

PSD Table						
Country	Spain			35	Degrees Brix	
Commodity	Juice, Orange				(MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		11/1998		11/1999		11/2000
Deliv. To Processors	698	698	700	800	720	350
Beginning Stocks	5100	5100	1300	1300	1300	1000
Production	45300	45300	45500	52000	46800	2300
Imports	25500	25500	28000	32200	27000	40000
TOTAL SUPPLY	75900	75900	74800	85500	75100	43300
Exports	56600	56600	53300	73700	52000	21000
Domestic Consumption	18000	18000	20200	10800	21000	21300
Ending Stocks	1300	1300	1300	1000	2100	1000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	75900	75900	74800	85500	75100	43300